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Dear SAC Members,

We're looking for your input!

As we prepare for another winter in Nova Scotia, we are considering an addition to our menu of options for school and bus operations during inclement weather. We know that any change to the regular school routine creates disruption and challenges for families – that's why we are thinking about another option.

Currently, our strategies include:

- All or some schools open;
- A delayed opening by two hours;
- An early dismissal by two hours; or
- All or some schools closed.

Sometimes, bad weather is forecasted in the morning making it unsafe for buses to be on the road. It is also common that the weather clears mid-day and conditions are safe for buses to run at the end of the school day.

A forecast like this invites a decision that keeps schools open, cancels morning buses and reinstates regular bus service for the end of the day.

What important perspectives or ideas should we keep in mind as we consider the option to keep schools open, cancel morning buses and reinstate regular bus service for the end of the day?

Help us understand how this new option might impact families by sharing your thoughts with us in *ThoughtExchange*. It's quick, easy and anonymous. You can read and rate the thoughts of others – and contribute as often as you like.

It's important to know that your input on this idea will help shape our plan this winter.

Get started by clicking [here](#).

This *ThoughtExchange* will remain open until 4 p.m. on Thursday, November 24.

Thank you for your participation!

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